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MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SAILOR

Maryland's Online Public Information Network

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What is SAILOR?

SAILOR is an online information system that connects Marylanders and their libraries to resources within the state and worldwide. It provides no-charge access to the internet and is Maryland's Public Library Information Network. SAILOR provides local access in all 23 Maryland counties and Baltimore City. It is a project of the Maryland library commmunity.

What is its purpose?

SAILOR provides a statewide library data network with Internet access, featuring an interlibrary loan system. Library patrons can find information they need anytime of day from any location in Maryland. To ensure their customers find the information they need, Maryland Public Libraries use the SAILOR network to provide information resources and services, including a wealth of information stored in magazine, newspaper and encyclopedia databases to which the libraries subscribe through their SAILOR project.

The SAILOR web site provides access to the collections of libraries across the state using MARINA, the libraries' new interlibrary loan system. From Sailor's Project Gutenberg site Marylanders can download books that have been stored electronically.

What's on it?

Educational Resources: ERIC, MSPAP outcomes in all areas, science projects, U.S. Department of Education programs, educational software, full texts of important reports, occupational skills standard projects, technology in higher education, grants, and educational organizations.

Libraries: catalogs for public, school, special and academic libraries, including the Library of Congress and the National Library of Medicine.

Government Data: U.S. and state agency descriptions, Supreme Court decisions, county information, full text of U.S. legislation by key word or sponsor, economic statistics, National Institutes of Health databases, and Maryland General Assembly list of committee members.

Just for You: arts and entertainment sources, business data, children and youth family sources, genealogy, health and medicine, legal matters, news, nutrition, recipes, travel information, weather, sports, and more.

How do I get on SAILOR?	SAILOR's URL is www.sailor.lib.md.us. Access it via your computer and internet service provider account in your home, school, or office and at any public library system in Maryland.

Can I use SAILOR from home?	If you have a computer equipped with a modem, telecommunication software and/or a commercial internet account and access to a telephone line, you can dial into SAILOR for the price of a local phone call. The SAILOR Help Desk is available to assist with any access questions or problems. Call them at 410-396-4636.

SAILOR Phone Numbers for the 24 Local Library Systems

Allegany	301-777-3222
Anne Arundel	410-222-7100
Baltimore City	410-605-0500
Baltimore County	410-494-1199
Calvert	410-257-9263
Caroline	410-820-5773
Carroll	410-848-1230
Cecil	410-392-0909
Charles	301-645-2002
Dorchester	410-221-0066
Frederick	301-620-0055
Garrett	301-334-6515
Harford	410-638-5669
Howard	410-730-0707
Kent	410-778-9582
Montgomery	301-424-4200
Prince George's	301-925-2400
Queen Anne's	410-778-1500
St. Mary's	410-863-5291
Somerset	410-742-0500
Talbot	410-820-4411
Washington	310-739-7600
Wicomico	410-742-0500
Worcester	410-742-0500

Who is responsible for SAILOR?	The Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services, initiated SAILOR and provided $2.1 million to establish the telecommunications system and services throughout the State. SAILOR is currently supported with state per capita funding as a result of the passage of House Bill 601 in 1999. Oversight is provided by a SAILOR governance board appointed by MSDE's Division of Library Development and Services and the State Library Resource Center's Contract Oversight Committee. The SAILOR Operations Center is located at the State Library Resource Center/Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore. For more information, contact SAILOR manager at 410-545-6343 or the SAILOR Help Desk at 410-396-4636.

For more information, call 410-767-0600 (Baltimore area) or 1-888-246-0016 (toll free) or visit our website at www.msde.state.md.us
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